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Applicant: Robert Dale Haun )  
Serial No.: 10/041,832 ) Group Art Unit: 3618  
Filed: October 19, 2001 ) Examiner: Christopher Bottorff  
For: Hinge Assembly for Utility )  
Vehicle Hood )

**AMENDMENT B AFTER FINAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action of December 31, 2003. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-10 and 15, and allowed claims 6 and 11-14.

**In The Specification**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

**Abstract**

A hinge assembly is provided for hinging a hood on a utility vehicle body so as to enable the hood to open upwardly and backwardly from the front end of the utility vehicle. A bracket made from steel is secured adhesively to an underside of the hood, which is made from a polymeric material, near a back end of the hood. A double-rocker, four-link mechanism includes a lower, fixed link